Sync & Save

Introduction

Sync & Save allows you to connect the DoForms service (www.doforms.com) with your accounting or management software. If your system can import a comma delimited, tab delimited or fixed length file, or if you need to populate an Access, Microsoft SQL, MySQL or Oracle table, or an Excel worksheet then Sync & Save can produce the format you need. Sync & Save can also automatically upload Lookup Data from Access, Microsoft SQL, MySQL, Oracle, CSV or Excel sources.

Resources

You can find more resources for Sync & Save at our support site: http://www.doforms.com/support.

System Requirements

 Operating System: Windows XP (Home or Professional), Windows Vista (All Editions), Windows 7 (All editions), Windows 8 (All editions except RT)

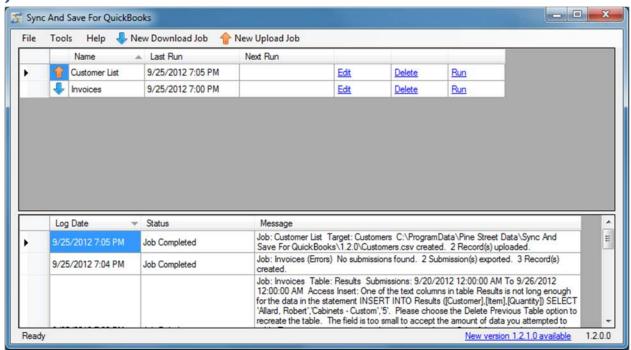
Processor: 1 GHzRAM: 512 MBDisk Space: 20 MB

• Framework: Microsoft .Net Framework 4.0

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Job List



View all jobs you have configured, as well as a log of major events.

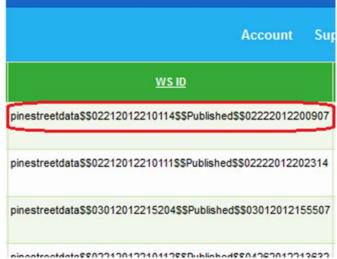
- Click Refresh to refresh the list of jobs and the log.
- Click New Download Job to create a new job to download data you have submitted.
- Click New Upload Job to create a new job that will update lookup tables.
- Click Edit to edit an existing job or Delete to delete the job.
- Click Run to run a job. Each time a job is run a new range of submission is queried. For instance, if a job was last run on Thursday at 5 pm and it is currently Friday at 5 pm, all submissions received between Thursday at 5 pm and Friday at 5 pm will be downloaded. Jobs can also be run from the command line or scheduled.
- Check off Tools | Run Scheduled Jobs to automatically run jobs. Sync & Save must be running for scheduled jobs to run.
- Check off Tools | Debug Mode to capture more detailed information in the detailed logs.
- Click Tools | Unicode Mode to support Unicode characters in sql database exports.
- Click Tools | Detailed Log... to view detailed logs.
- Click Tools | Configuration Data... to view the data stored by the program.
- Click Help | License to activate your copy of Sync & Save.

Download Jobs

New Download Job



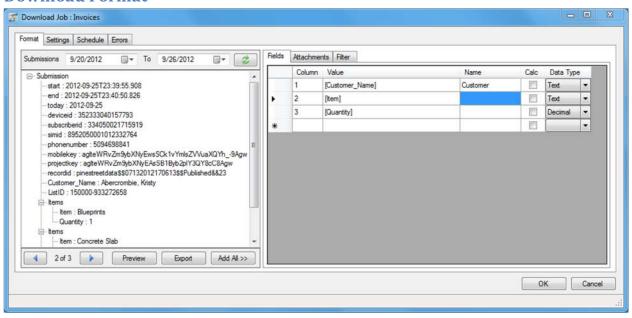
Enter the webservice ID and password that you have configured on the DoForms web site:





Enter the name of the job and click Finish to add the new download job.

Download Format



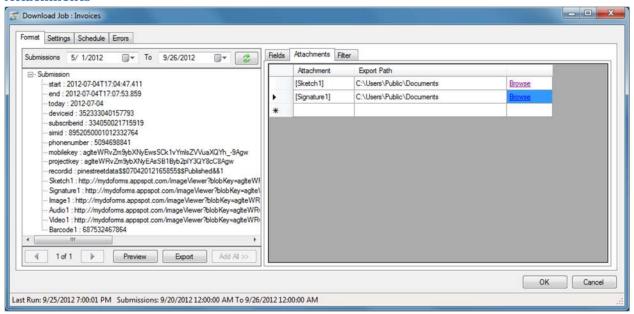
Submissions

- Select a range that includes submissions for the form you have chosen and click Refresh. This will populate the left half of the screen with data you have uploaded to DoForms.
- Click Export Submissions to test the job. The job will search for submissions within the range set in the Submissions area of the screen.
- Click Add All >> to copy all the available fields to the export format.

Fields

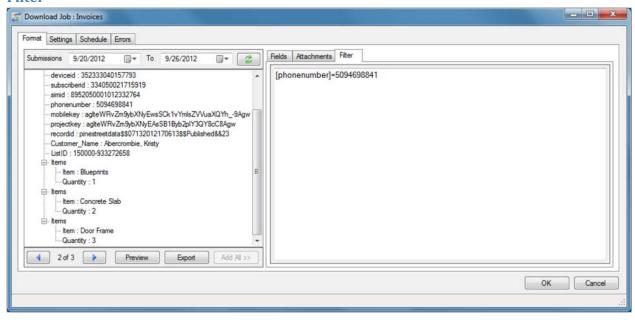
- Drag and drop elements from the Submissions tree into the Export Format grid in order to add new submission fields to the export format.
- The column numbers control the order that values will be added to the export file. You can drag and drop rows to reorder, or highlight a row and hit Delete to delete.
- Values in [square brackets] will be populated from form submissions. If the label of a field on the DoForms form is changed, the value will need to be updated here.
- You can enter static values in the list of values as well as add more than one value to a field. For example: "[LastName], [FirstName]"
- If you are setting up a fixed width export, then configure the length of the field and whether it should be left justified. If the data received in the submission is longer than this length, then it will be truncated.
- If desired, enter the column name in the Name field.
- Standard arithmetic operators can be used on fields that will contain numeric values. Check the "Calc" checkbox to evaluate the field. For example: "[Quantity]*[Cost of Part]".
- Select the correct data type for each field.

Attachments



- Drag an attachment field into the Attachment column to export that image. Available fields will display (Attachment) after the field name.
- Configure the export path for the attachment. Placeholder values can be added to the path (both file name and folder) using drag and drop.
- Make sure the Export Path will evaluate to a valid path. If more than one attachment would evaluate to the same path, then Sync & Save will automatically make the paths unique by adding a number to the end of the file name.

Filter



If any filter expression is entered, it must be true for the record to be exported. If no filter expression is entered then all records received will be exported.

All values that you expect to be text should be surrounded by single quotes:

'[UserName]'='judah@pinestreetdata.com'

If you expect the value to be a number, you do not need to surround it in quotes:

[phonenumber]=5094698841

All date and time values should be surrounded with sharps:

#[BirthDate]# > #1/1/2012#

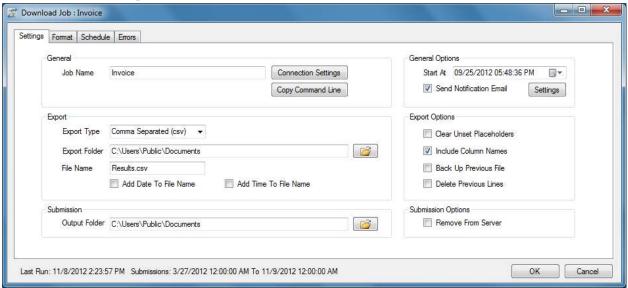
You can combine formulas using "and" and "or" as well as parenthesis. Note: The keywords "and" and "or" must be lowercase.

- '[UserName]'='judah@pinestreetdata.com' and [JobNumber]=25
- '[UserName]'='judah@pinestreetdata.com' and ([JobNumber]=25 or [JobNumber]=10)

The filter expression is evaluated for each record that would be exported. If you have a repeating section in your submission, the filter expression will be evaluated for each detail record that would be exported.

Note: The filter does not affect which submissions are downloaded or removed from the server, just which records are exported.

Download Settings



General

- Set the job name.
- Click Connection Settings to set the user name and password used to authenticate with the DoForms service.
- Click Copy Command Line to copy to the clipboard the command line that will run this job.

General Options

- Select the Start At date for the next time the job is run. This date advances each time the job runs.
- Check Send Notification Email to send an email when the job completes. Click Settings to configure the SMTP server settings.

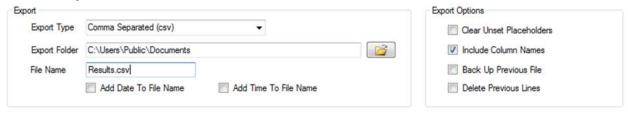
Export

Choose the export type. Changing the export type will change the other options available.

Export Options

• Check Clear Unset Placeholders to get rid of any [placeholder] values that were not replaced with submission data.

Text File Exports



- Choose the file name and folder.
- You can choose to make the file name unique by adding the date and time to the file name.
- Check Include Column Names to populate the first row of the export file with column headers.
- Check Backup Up Previous File to make a backup of the last file exported. The backup will add the date and time to the name of the backed up file.
- Check Delete Previous Lines to create a new file each time the job is run. Leave unchecked to append lines to an existing file. Note that Add Date To File Name, Add Time To File Name, and Back Up Previous File must all be unchecked to append lines to an existing file.

Microsoft Excel Export



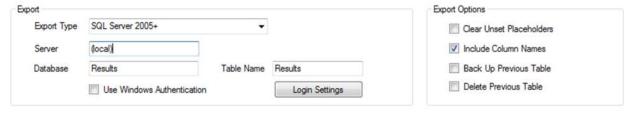
- Set the Worksheet to populate. If the worksheet does not exist in the selected file, it will be created.
- Leave Add Date to File Name, Add Time To File Name and Delete Previous Rows unchecked to append rows to an existing worksheet.

Microsoft Access Exports



- Choose the file name and folder. If the file does not already exist, a blank database will be created.
- Set the name of the table to populate in the access database.
- Check Include Column Names to name the columns based on the export format.
- Check Backup Up Previous Table to make a backup of the last table exported. The backup will add the date and time to the name of the backed up table.
- Check Delete Previous Table to delete and recreate the export table. This insures the table format will match the export format. Leave unchecked to append records to an existing table. Note that if the table format does not match the export format, the export will fail.

SQL Exports (Microsoft SQL, MySQL, Oracle)



- Choose the server, database and table to populate. The database must already exist.
- SQL Server can use either Windows or SQL authentication, MySQL can use MySQL authentication, Oracle can use Oracle authentication. Click Login Settings to set the username and password for SQL, MySQL or Oracle authentication.
- Check Include Column Names to name the columns based on the export format.
- Check Backup Up Previous Table to make a backup of the last table exported. The backup will add the date and time to the name of the backed up table.
- Check Delete Previous Table to delete and recreate the export table. This insures the table format will match the export format. Leave unchecked to append records to an existing table. Note that if the table format does not match the export format, the export will fail.

Submission

 Select a folder to export the submissions as xml files when they are downloaded from the service. Leave blank to skip outputting the submission xml.

Submission Options

 Check Remove From Server to remove submissions from the server once they have been successfully exported.

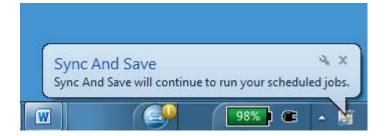
Download Schedule



- Set up a schedule for the job.
- Choose the days, interval and time range for the job to be run.
- Tools | Run Scheduled Jobs must be checked off on the main menu for the scheduled jobs to run automatically.
- Sync & Save must remain open for scheduled jobs to run.

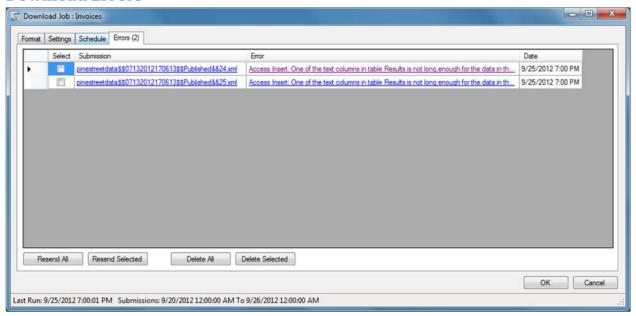


• The next date the job is scheduled to run is displayed on the main screen of Sync & Save.



• If Sync & Save has scheduled jobs to run, it can be minimized to the notification area of the taskbar.

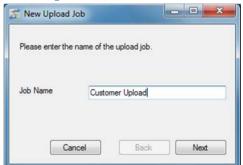
Download Errors



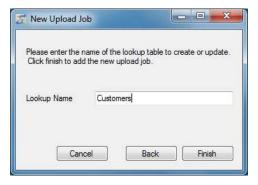
- If errors are encountered while exporting, the submission is stored.
- Click on the link in the Submission column to view the submission in xml format.
- Click on the link in the Error column to view the full error.
- Once the cause of the error has been resolved, the data can be re-exported. Select individual rows and click Resend Selected or click Resend All to re-export all the submissions.
- If you do not want to re-export the data, you can clear the errors by using the Delete all or Delete Selected buttons.

Upload Jobs

New Upload Job

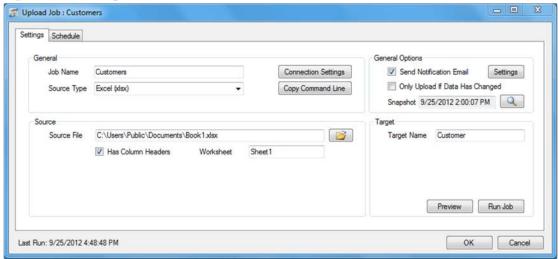


Enter the name of the upload job.



Enter the name of the lookup data.

Upload Settings



General

- Set the job name. You will use this name if you use the windows task scheduler to run the job automatically.
- Click Connection Settings to set the user name and password used to authenticate with the DoForms service.
- Choose the source type. Changing the source type will change the options available in the bottom half of the screen.
- Click Copy Command Line to copy to the clipboard the command line to run this job.

General Options

- Check Send Notification Email and click Settings to send an SMTP email each time the job completes.
- Check Only Upload If Data Has Changed to keep a snapshot of the data. The data will only be uploaded if it is different than the last snapshot taken.

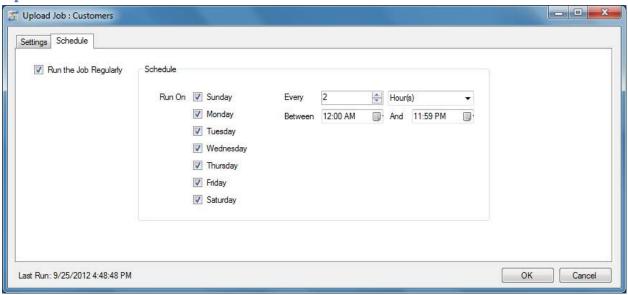
Source

- Set the connection parameters for the source of the data to upload.
- A single table or query name can be entered in the Table/Query field, or a custom SQL query can be entered in the SQL Query field.
- Click the Preview button to view the results of your query.

Target

- Set the name of the lookup data to update.
- Click Run Job to manually run the job.

Upload Schedule



- Set up a schedule for the job.
- Choose the days, interval and time range for the job to be run.
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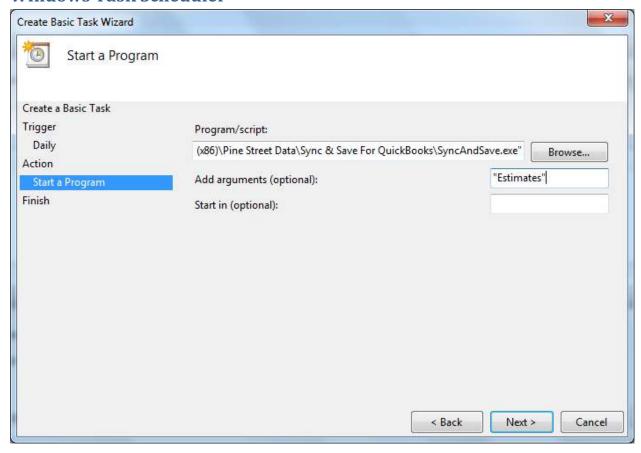
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License



Enter your serial number and click Activate to license your copy of Sync & Save. The license can be used on one machine at a time. If you want to move the license, then click Deactivate to release the serial number. An active internet connection is required to activate the program. While in Demo Mode, the program will only process two submissions at a time.

Windows Task Scheduler



You can use the Windows Task Scheduler (Control Panel | Administrative Tools | Task Scheduler) to run your jobs on a regular schedule.

The following instructions are for Windows 7:

- In the Task Scheduler, choose Action | Create Basic Task... Give the task a name and select a schedule.
- Under Action, choose Start a program. Browse to the install location and then add the job name as an argument. Wrap the job name in quotes. If you want to run more than one job, just leave a space between each job name.
- You can also copy the Command from the Job Settings screen by clicking Copy Command Line and paste it into the Program/script field:



• When you click Next you will get the following message. Click Yes to include the Job Name as an argument.

